

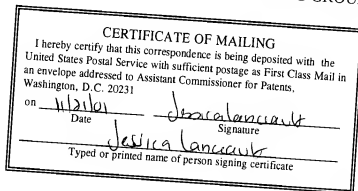


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in reply to the Office Action, Paper No. 5, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 23, 2001 and Supplemental Office Action, Paper No. 6, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 31, 2001 for the above-identified application.

A Petition to extend the shortened statutory period set for reply to the Office Action for three months, from August 23, 2001 to November 23, 2001 and the appropriate fee, are enclosed herewith.